

NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BOARD

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MEMORANDUM FOR: John Stein
Deputy Director for Operations

FROM : Walter Elder
Executive Secretary

SUBJECT : Revision of DCID's

John:

1. The time has come to look at the existing DCID series to see what changes may be called for.

2. We now have Executive Order 12333; we have had years of accumulated experience in carrying on activities the establishment of which generated heated emotions; we are into new activities and emphases; we have a comprehensive statement of the DCI's duties, responsibilities, and authorities; we have an outmoded set of directives.

3. My assignment in this exercise is to keep track of it as a whole and to advise on format. I have been directed to leave the NSCID's to one side for the time being to see if we can construct a series of DCID's which derive from the Executive Order and can stand on their own.

4. I have promised to try to avoid the creation of any formal task force and am trying to proceed on the basis that informal consultation is more efficient than formal coordination. I take it that the DCI has the authority to issue his own directives.

5. I respectfully request that you review the activities under your aegis and in which you have a stake from the following perspective:

a. Does the comprehensive nature of Executive Order 12333 obviate the need for detailed DCID's?

b. Are there new activities which require new directives?

c. Do the existing directives require major or minor revisions?

d. Are there DCID's which are outmoded and should be rescinded?

6. In your case, DCID's 5/1 and 5/2 leap to mind. (I was present at the bloody exercise in 1959.) It may well be that revision could create more problems than it solved. A key question here is: Do you need the aegis of NSCID 5, or can the relevant DCID's stand on their own?

7. One new DCID (Technology Transfer Intelligence Committee) has been approved to date. A copy is attached to give you an idea of how general we are trying to be.

8. I am ready to sit down at your early convenience with you or your designee to field questions about this exercise and to clarify my role. I do ask please that I be consulted before you head into any extensive external consultation.

Yours toward a peaceful quiet exercise



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Director of Central Intelligence Directive

Technology Transfer Intelligence Committee

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 102, the National Security Act of 1947, and Executive Order _____, there is established a Technology Transfer Intelligence Committee.

1. Mission

The mission of the Technology Transfer Intelligence Committee (TTIC) is to serve as the focal point within the Intelligence Community on all technology transfer issues. The Committee will coordinate Community activities and will be the principal source of support for those US Government entities charged with the responsibility for policy and action on technology transfer issues. The Committee will work with other Intelligence Community committees and appropriate agencies to ensure that intelligence information collected on technology transfer is consistent with the DCI's priorities and guidance and meets the needs of Community production organizations.

2. Definitions

Technology transfer encompasses all movements of advanced US and equivalent Western technology and equipment with implications for US security by enhancing the military and economic capabilities of recipient countries.

Technology transfer intelligence includes the collection, processing, analysis, production and dissemination activities of the Intelligence Community designed to support US Government departments and agencies with policy and enforcement responsibilities.

Exchange programs and commercial contacts include all exchanges and visits by nationals from designated foreign countries which provide the potential for an intelligence or technical gain or loss.

3. Functions

Under the general guidance of the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, the Committee will:

- a. Advise the DCI on the effectiveness of the Intelligence Community's role in support of US Government policy on technology transfer issues.
- b. As directed, prepare coordinated intelligence assessments on the significance of technology transfer and, as appropriate, their implications for US national security.
- c. Advise appropriate US Government departments and agencies of the technology transfer implications and foreign intelligence equities involved in exchange programs and commercial contacts with designated foreign nationals and recommend changes as appropriate.
- d. Provide foreign intelligence support on export control issues to appropriate US Government agencies.
- e. Monitor all technology transfer intelligence concerning foreign efforts to acquire US and Western technology and provide appropriate analyses to US Government organizations concerned with protection and countermeasure, including counterintelligence organizations.

f. Provide priority guidance to collection systems on technology transfer issues.

g. Establish an exchange of information with all departments and agencies concerned with the technology transfer problem to ensure that the utility of the Intelligence Community's activities is maintained.

4. Responsibilities of the Intelligence Community

a. On request of the committee chairman, Intelligence Community elements shall, within established security safeguards, provide information pertinent to the committee's mission and functions.

b. Intelligence Community components will keep the committee chairman advised of their specific foreign intelligence equities and of actions which might provide foreign intelligence collection opportunities.

5. Composition and Organization

The Committee chairman will be appointed by the Director of Central Intelligence.

The members of the Committee will be representatives designated by the National Foreign Intelligence Council principals.

The Committee on Exchanges (COMEX) will be a subcommittee of the TTIC.

Other subcommittees will be established as required.

With the approval of the DCI, the Committee chairman may invite representatives of relevant US Government entities with national security interests to participate as appropriate.

The Committee will be supported by an Executive Secretariat.

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